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In re Patent Application of: Alan J. Dextrateur et al.

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AND METHOD

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant submits the following remarks in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 9, 2005. This paper is being filed with payment of the Issue Fee.

The Examiner comments on the reasons for allowance with a comment that includes the statement "in order to prevent clogging of the ports with tissue growth." Applicant notes that no such limitation directed to "clogging of the ports" is present in any independent claim, and thus this feature should not be listed as a reason for allowance of the claims.

Regardless, Applicant has agreed to the claim amendments entered by the Examiner solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution. The amendments should not be interpreted as any type of admission with regard to the prior art, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue broader claims in a continuation application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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